

**MEETING OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL**

MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004

Chairman Naugle called the meeting to order at approximately 6:51 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Naugle
Vice-Chairman Trantalis
Commissioner Teel
Commissioner Hutchinson
Commissioner Moore

Absent: None

Also Present: Acting City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Clerk

**Proposed Purchase of Property from Jetmore, Inc. – CRA Advisory Board Member
Conflict of Interest**

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to authorize the proper CRA Officials to execute a Contract for Sale and Purchase between the CRA and Jetmore, Inc. for the acquisition of 538 NW 9th Avenue and 1102 NW 6th Street, subject to approval of a waiver by the City Commission of any conflict of interest caused by the participation of Jerry Carter as a member of the CRA Advisory Board.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Hutchinson, Teel, Trantalis, Moore and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

WRT Sistrunk Blvd/NE 6th Street Enhancement Project Change Order

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Moore to approve the amendment to the agreement with Wallace Robert and Todd, LLC (WRT).

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Hutchinson, Teel, Trantalis, Moore and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

John Hart Streetscape Project

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Moore to approve funding on a reimbursement basis to John Hart for the streetscape improvements to 626-630 NE 2nd Avenue under the Flagler Strategic Investment Streetscape Program.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Hutchinson, Teel, Trantalis, Moore and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

FY 04/05 CRA Budget

Kim Jackson, Director CRA, stated if the Board had no comments to make regarding the budget, then she would proceed as proposed.

Commissioner Moore stated that he wanted funding for some attorneys. The monies listed in the budget were for services provided by the City Attorney's Office.

Ms. Jackson stated that an option was provided in their other budget listed on page 30 and funds were budgeted for consultants.

Commissioner Hutchinson left the meeting at approximately 6:57 p.m.

Ms. Jackson continued stating that \$100,000 was set aside for consultants and there was another \$100,000 budgeted for planning and support services.

Commissioner Moore asked if the first \$100,000 could be used for attorneys. Ms. Jackson stated if they wanted to designate it for legal fees, they might want to change their minds during the course of the year. She explained it was normally left in a general sense until something arose. Then, it was brought to the Commission for their approval.

Commissioner Hutchinson returned to the meeting at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Commissioner Moore asked if Cardwell was still under contract. Ms. Jackson stated that had been on a retainer, but the CRA was not using them because as they proceeded in the development, legal needs changed, and the City's Legal Department had taken over much of the work that Cardwell had been performing.

Commissioner Moore stated that anytime they were involved in a redevelopment, there would be difficult issues that would arise in order to make it happen. He stated they were going to be utilizing public/private partnerships.

Ms. Jackson explained that the funds could be used towards legal fees, and she could designate them as such, but if the funds would be needed for other things, then she would come back before the Board and have it changed. She stated if the Board wanted her to issue something now, then she would need direction to do so. Otherwise, the funds would be available if the need arose.

Commissioner Trantalis stated that on a number of occasions it had been suggested that the CRA consider paying for increases in police presence for some areas. Ms. Jackson replied that there was a limit as to their statute ability to increase and augment City services. She stated that the CRA had a limited budget and they had 1400 acres to redevelop. She stated that obviously crime or the perception of crime was a big issue, but when they began utilizing agency funds for ongoing services and needs, they tended to water down the effectiveness of the agency because they were then only attempting to keep up with daily needs. She recommended that the funds be invested in redevelopment and proceeded to use Sweeting Estates as an example. She stated that

crime and the perception of crime in that area would change due to homeownership and a more livable environment. She stated that was the correct way to do redevelopment.

Commissioner Trantalis stated that made sense, but in the interim period, crime would still be present and there was the need to begin selling the homes as they were completed. He asked if that should not be part of the redevelopment effort and maintain the integrity of a neighborhood.

Stan Brown, Chair of the CRA Advisory Board, stated that it was a difficult situation which arose over the years. He stated that some CRAs did fund such services, but this CRA was quite large and each individual would probably point to a different area regarding where extra police protection should go. He felt that in the interim period while certain areas were being developed problems were created for the police. He reiterated that with the slim budget that the CRA had at this time, they could not pay for an increase in police presence.

Mayor Naugle stated that he felt they were doing a good job in areas where there were new residences, and those residences kept a careful watch on the area. He felt if the matter was to be further explored, then the item should be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

CRA Executive Director/CRA Director Reports

None given.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.